

THE question has been asked THE TRIBUNE if an unnaturalized person can vote and hold office. A person who has declared his intention to become a citizen by taking the prescribed oath, can vote in this state thirty days thereafter. He can also take a homestead or pre-emption, but cannot prove up on the former until he has his full papers. What is commonly called the "first papers" is only a declaration of intention to become a citizen, and he cannot legally hold office until he has completed his naturalization. There have been many instances however of persons having held office who were not naturalized. If properly objected to at the time, their official acts would be null, but by consent they probably become binding; we have had several cases of this character in Lincoln county.

The old soldiers who had the mugwumps three years ago and voted for Cleveland now feel like kicking themselves. There are several in this city, among them the editor of our esteemed contemporary, the Telegraph.

EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENTS. For the past two weeks the commissioners have been hearing complaints with a view of equalizing assessments but so far little progress has been made. In fact under recent rulings of the supreme court, by which we understand the commissioners are guided, very little progress can be made. This ruling practically amounts to a prohibition of equalization, something we think that was not originally contemplated by the law. As a rule assessors' valuations should stand; but they are human, and like others are liable to make mistakes. Where these are gross, there should be some power to correct them. If your property should by mistake or otherwise be assessed excessively high as compared with property of corresponding value, there is no way of having it reduced unless you can find some property to which the reduction may be added, so as in no wise to change the aggregate valuation found by the assessor. Very few people—in fact no one—wants to do this, and the consequence is the burdens of taxation are unequally borne. The law says the commissioners shall sit as a board of equalization, and prescribes what they may do. But after it has gone that far it turns around and ties their hands so that they can't do anything. There is evident need of some common sense amendments to this statute.

LAKE NEWS NOTES. Three persons—Nicholas Anderson, Dora Remfeldt and Hulda Priebe—were drowned in the artificial lake near Kearney on Monday night. The boat in which they were was upset, but how it happened is not known.

The U. P. Ry. investigating committee arrived in Omaha Monday and at once entered upon its work. An effort was made on the part of the company to have certain investigations conducted with closed doors, but the committee would not allow this.

The jury in the case of the State vs. Mrs. Shellenbarger, charged with murder, was discharged Monday, having failed to reach a verdict. The jury stood five for acquittal, five for murder in the first degree and two for manslaughter.

Governor Thayer has appointed Smith Caldwell, of Nuckolls county, as oil inspector for the state of Nebraska. Mr Caldwell was a member of the Legislature eight years ago.

Ex-Gov. Moses of South Carolina, has lately been pardoned out of the Massachusetts state prison by Gov. Ames. Moses was convicted of forgery, but his health was so poor that it was thought he could not live long. From the governor's chair to a state prison has been a singular career, indeed.

The 50th anniversary of Victoria's reign was celebrated in London on Tuesday in gorgeous style. The weather was fine and everything passed off very pleasantly, only a few accidents being reported.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The friends of Endicott say that he is attacked by machine politicians in the Democratic party on account of the flag matter, because they wish to drive him from the cabinet, because he favored the Civil Service law.

LOUP CITY, Neb., June 21.—B. L. Richardson, the murderer of "Skip" Willard who was brought here to-day for hearing was refused bail and remanded back to jail to

await trial at the next term of court, which convenes in October. Wall & Long, and General Conner appeared for the State, and J. R. Scott and Jim Paul for the defense.

SIoux CITY, Iowa., June 21.—This afternoon Florence Dunbar, a young lady of 19 in attempting to throw out of doors a five gallon can of gasoline, which was ignited, slipped and fell and the burning liquid was poured over her. She was literally burned alive, her clothes being consumed and the flesh horribly baked.

Rain is very much needed at present. All that the soil needs in this section of country to produce excellent crops, of most all kinds, is plenty of water. There is one encouragement, however, the oases in this American Desert are increasing every year and will, no doubt, in the near future cover the entire tract of country.

Mr. Pangburn and family have gone east on a visit for a month.

Mrs. DeWolf has given up her school at the east Brady school house—cause not known to the writer.

The school at the west school house will close on Friday, June 24. The written examination will commence Thursday morning. Public examination Friday afternoon, and literary exercises in the evening.

Mr. Rice will give a birthday party and dance on the evening of the 29 inst.

The writer visited the Maxwell school on Friday, June 17. The teacher, Miss McNeal, will close a ten month school there about the first of July. Some of the pupils are considerably advanced.

The class in Natural Philosophy and Algebra consisting of James McCullough and Miss Annie Snyder, seemed to be doing good work. In Algebra the class had advanced as far as two unknown quantities, in equations of the first degree.

The disciplinary value of many branches of education is of more importance than the practical value, and this is true of most of the branches of mathematics. The Wyoming humorist, Bill Nye, thinks he is indebted for much of his wit and humor to the influence of his strict school discipline in the days of x minus y cubed, divided by the square root of thirty minus five raised to the fourth power, equal to some other equally complex quantity. The idea that a study is of no importance, outside of a practical consideration of it, is certainly a very silly one.

The educational value of studies may be understood in a three fold sense; the practical value, the disciplinary value, and the satisfaction it affords. The writer attended the twelfth annual session of the State Teachers' Association at Colorado Springs about the first of the present year. On the second evening there was a lecture by W. D. Sheldon on the subject, "The Parthenon at Athens; its Architecture and Sculpture." The lecture was illustrated with stereopticon views of that famous building, the finest specimen of Greek architecture extant. Many persons, including several teachers, went away from the lecture perfectly disgusted saying it was so dry and uninteresting. The reason was that they had never taken the pains to read up on Heathen mythology and Greek history. They had always been looking at the practical value of studies. It would have afforded them much pleasure that evening to have known something about that lecture.

The school house at Maxwell is a good one, but not so large and modern in design as the two new ones in the Brady Island district. In regard to blackboards, books and furniture the Maxwell school excels in one particular only, and that is in the durability of the blackboard. It is an excellent one and every district that can afford it should have a slate board.

In the west Brady school there is a fifteen day clock, a Tellurian in good condition, a good recitation seat sufficient to accommodate any class, new and modern text books on reading, history, grammar, geography, drawing, physiology, dialogue and declamation books, colored chalk for drawing, all necessary writing material, geographical maps and ten physiology charts, each one on rollers in a separate case. I will give a synopsis of the most important subjects treated of in these charts. The skeleton, muscles and tissues; Digestion and circulation; The nervous system, special senses—the respiratory system; Diseased animal and vegetable foods; Air and water contamination; Heating and ventilation; Effects of improper dress, unhealthful positions and imperfect physical development; Effects of alcohol and narcotics on the human system; Digestibility and nutritiousness of different foods. D.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS.

June 17.—Const & Jackson, by their attorneys, Forrest & Fort, for answer to complaint heretofore filed, say they are assessed equal to others owning land in the same vicinity.

June 18.—B. I. Hinman complains that he is assessed too high on se qr 32 and s half ne qr of same section in 14-30 and asks that it be reduced one half. C. F. Iddings complains that his lots 5 and 6 blk 120 are assessed too high in proportion to other property.

Edward Syferth complains that he is assessed too high and asks that lot 2 blk 112 be reduced from

\$400 to \$300. Edwin Todd complains that he is assessed too high on s half sw qr 32-14-30 and asks that it be reduced to equal valuation with property joining.

REGULAR MEETING. June 20.—Road No. 11 changed as petitioned for by J. R. Ritter and others. All objections to road commencing at sw cor. 9-14-31, running thence east one mile, thence south one mile, thence east one mile terminating at county road, having been withdrawn, the same was declared a public highway.

Road 27 petitioned by A. D. Orr and others, commencing at sw cor 16-12-30, thence east to se cor 14-12-30, thence south to sw cor 36-11-30, thence east to se cor 30-11-30, thence south on range line to county line, declared a public highway and open to travel. Several other road petitions were acted upon.

The board then adjourned until Wednesday, when the work of equalization was resumed. No action was taken in any matters brought before the board.

The Lincoln County Fair. The Lincoln County Fair has our thanks for a copy of the premium list of the Lincoln county agricultural society. The fair will be held at North Platte, September 21st to 24th. — Sidney Telegraph.

We are indebted to the Lincoln County Tribune for a copy of the premium list of the agricultural society of that county. Their next fair will be held at North Platte, Sept. 21 to 24. Quite liberal premiums are offered. — Curtis Record.

The Republican has received a copy of the premium list of the third annual fair of the Lincoln County Agricultural Society, to be held at North Platte, September 21st to 24th. The society offers a large sum in the aggregate as premiums. Persons desiring premium lists or other information can secure them by addressing W. L. McGee, secretary, North Platte, Neb. — Omaha Republican.

The premium list for the third annual fair of the Lincoln County Agricultural Society has reached the Tribune table. It is a well printed pamphlet, and the work on it was done in the office of the Lincoln County Tribune. The fair will be held at North Platte September 21 to 24 inclusive. — State Journal.

We have received from the Lincoln County Tribune a pretty printed premium list of their agricultural society to be held at North Platte, Sept. 21st to 24th inclusive. They have turned out a neatly executed job. — Seward Blade.

The Lincoln County premium list is neat and liberal. It comes from the Tribune office. The fair is to be held Sept. 21st to 24th inclusive. The premiums for racing are very liberal and one of the chief attractions is to be a Roman Chariot Race—Grand Island Independent.

—Sidney Robb never forgets the Tribune. We are under obligations to him this week for some new potatoes, the finest we have seen this season.

The Evangelist Lutheran congregation laid the corner-stone for their new church to be erected about 3 1/2 miles north of town, last Sunday. The building will be 28x40 with a steeple 51 high, a garget and a choir in the rear of the pulpit. Geo. MacCarthy has the contract to erect the building.—Gothenburg Independent.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Our Schools. Summary of yearly report of schools ending June 17th: Total enrollment—boys 276, girls 298, total 574. Average daily attendance—boys 198.5, girls 208.9, total 407.4. Per cent of attendance—boys 71.9, girls 70.1, total 71.

The following resolution was adopted by the graduating class: Resolved, That the thanks of the class be extended to Misses Bentley, McCracken, Hyatt, Gibbs and Dougherty, and Messrs. Bare, C. C. Hawkins, Warner and J. D. Hawkins, for kindly furnishing music at our commencement, a favor which was highly appreciated.

—There was considerable water in the South Platte river last week. It soon went out however and left a good many fish in the holes. Several hundred were caught by boys and emigrants.

—At the fair last night the contest for the slippers centered between Miss Bentley and Miss Moran and during the last few minutes of the voting excitement ran high. Both ladies are very popular in their respective circles and the friends of each seemed determined that their contestant should win. When the time for the cessation of voting arrived and the money counted, it was found that Miss Bentley led by over one hundred votes, \$52 being credited to her name and \$47 to Miss Moran. Miss Bentley has reason to feel proud of her popularity and the successful run she made.

—Summer shawls at Rennie's at 50 cents on the dollar.

—M. Olson has sold the steam laundry to the Chinese wash man. While he was not losing money, there was no big money in the business, and the proprietor thought it best to accept a fair offer. Mr. Olson has secured a situation in the shops.

I will sell until July 1st, at private sale, furniture, carpets, stoves, chinaware, piano, etc. (most everything new) at very low prices. Mrs. G. A. Vanluewen, Second street, four blocks west of court house.

—Church & Bixler were in Sidney this week attending district court. They were retained in a case where the charge was horse stealing, being on the side of the prisoner of course. Although nearly the whole bar and all the witnesses were for the prosecution, they defended their client with such skill that the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. A remarkable feature in the case was that after the evidence was closed and the arguments made, the jury came in and wanted more evidence, believing that the accused had not proven himself innocent. Judge Hamer of course instructed them that this was not necessary; but he allowed the case to be reopened, new testimony taken and new arguments by the lawyers. There is nothing like having good lawyers when you are charged with crime.

—A young woman of the town called "Crazy Horse," who has made herself conspicuous on the streets for some time past, was arrested yesterday and taken before the police judge. After hearing her statement and other evidence, the court fined her five dollars and costs. She will probably leave town, and if reports be true she should have been "fired" long ago.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH. How the 111th Anniversary of American Independence

WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THIS CITY

Arrangements for the proper celebration of the Fourth of July in North Platte are about completed. The formal programme for the morning exercises has not been completed. There will be a procession of citizens and organized societies in the morning, marching to the court house, where the usual exercises will be conducted and an oration delivered by Hon. J. E. Gillespie of Kearney. In the afternoon the following programme of sports will be carried out at the fair grounds.

RACING. To begin at 1 o'clock, sharp.

TROTTING RACE. For horses that have never beat three minutes. Purses \$35; 2 best in 3. First horse \$25, second horse \$10.

RUNNING RACE. One half mile dash, free for all; Purses \$10.

TROTTING ON PACING RACE. Free for all; 2 best in 3. Purses \$25.

First horse \$35; second horse \$10.

TROTTING AGAINST TIME. Horse has to beat 2:40; Purses \$20.

BICYCLE RACE. One half mile; Purses \$10; \$7, for 1st man; \$3, for second.

VELOCIPED RACE. For boys under 10 years of age; Purses \$2.50.

First boy \$1.50, second boy \$1.

FOOT RACE. 100 yards. Purses \$10.

First man \$7, second man \$3.

WALKING MATCH. One half mile; Purses \$5.

First man \$3, second man \$2.

WHEELBARROW RACE. Purses \$2.50.

FOOT RACE. For boys under 10 years. Purses \$2.

North Platte vs Omaha for the amateur championship of Nebraska. Game called at 4:30 sharp.

There will be a grand ball at the opera house in the evening.

The Catholic Fair.

The Catholic Fair opened Monday night at Lloyd's opera house, under the most auspicious circumstances, and the bright expectations then promised have been fully realized. They have been realized in more than a double sense, for the patrons of the fair have not only enjoyed themselves in the pleasures and social features of the entertainment, but the managers have felt happy and encouraged at the grand financial success of the various departments, the aggregate receipts for the first four nights being \$633.00. The dancing of course is an attractive feature for young lovers of the terpsichorean art, and on these pleasant nights we are all young, and lovers too, ye editor should judge from the number of "old boys" who "gally trip the light fantastic toe"—but which many other amusing features. Of course the voting for the different prizes at times becomes exciting, as one favorite may gain a slight advance of another, and at such times the bulletin boards are surrounded by large crowds watching the fortunes of the different contestants. On Thursday evening the principal contest was over the award of a rug to—as the bulletin board says—the homeliest member of the committee. If the two principal contestants are homely, THE TRIBUNE must say that they make up for lack of beauty in goodness and pleasant ways, for they are among the most popular of North Platte's fair ladies. THE TRIBUNE denies the homely part that the voting would seem to allege.

The fair will come to an end to-night, and there will be an exciting time, for the gun and the editors chair is to be awarded. For the latter up to this writing the talented and popular youth, editor of the Nebraskaian is the favorite, with "The Pencil" of the Telegraph an easy second, while THE TRIBUNE people bring up the distant rear. Editors as a rule are too poor to have much money to invest in chairs, and we fear the managers will not reap the reward in this venture that their forethought deserves.

In times past the Catholics have held a number of fairs, but this one will excel all others financially and socially.

—A number of people who live on the bottom up towards the Birdwood are having considerable difficulty with one Nelson, who has fenced up the only road by which they can get to the city, they being fenced in on the north by impassable sloughs and on the south side by the river Nelson works in the round house, but the woman a terribly vulgar and vicious thing, stands guard by the fence to prevent the passage of teams, which are compelled to drive down into the river and go around the end of the fence, a dangerous feat and one impracticable with loaded wagons. An effort will be made before the county commissioners to open a public road there without delay.

Edam cheese, Potted tongue, Potted turkey, Potted fowls liver, carried fowl at Cary & Harris.

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It takes some work to get a jury in New York. The following are the jury statistics in the Sharpe trial: Whole number drawn, 2,100; whole number examined, 1,100; whole number qualified, 44; challenged by the people, 15; challenged by the defense, 20; excused by the court, 7; now in the box, 12.

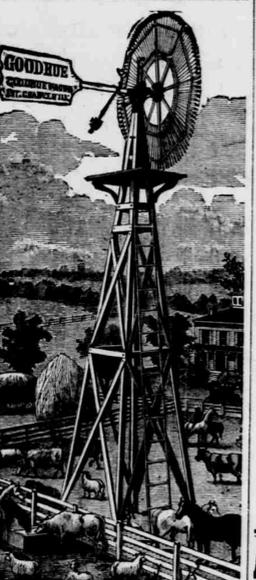
The petition of Paxton people calling for a division of the county on a line running north and south was rejected by the county commissioners and the petition of the Grant faction calling for a division on a line drawn midway on section (13) twelve and running east and west, was accepted and the question will be submitted at the coming election. Well, the board could not favor both sides; the lines of proposed division drawn being in conflict with each other, one necessarily had to be rejected.—Ogallala News.

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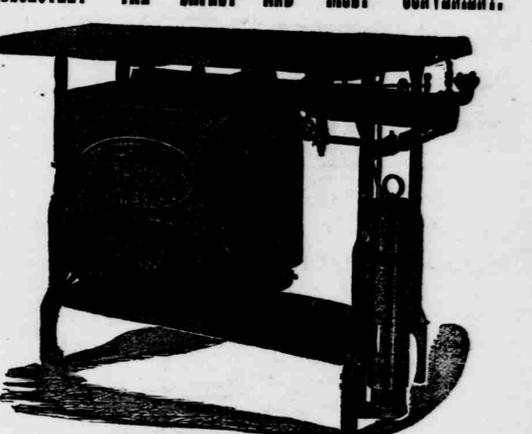
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